

Attorney's Docket No. 43197.240748

#4/A  
4-11-02  
R2  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Clyne et al.  
Appl. No.: To be assigned  
Filed: Concurrently herewith  
For: SANDWICH MATERIAL

October 31, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please revise the second full paragraph beginning on page 4, line 33 to read as follows:

A1  
A suitable, commercially available core is manufactured by Bekaert, a Belgian company,  
under the trade name BEKIPOR®.

Please revise the first full paragraph beginning on page 7, line 5 to read as follows:

A2  
Two stainless steel plates of length 80 mm, width 20 mm and thickness 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , were coated with a chromium/nickel braze and were then positioned either side of a fibrous stainless steel core of the same length and width and having a thickness of 800  $\mu\text{m}$ , supplied by Bekaert under the product name BEKIPOR® NPF 90071-000. The resulting sandwich construction was clamped and heated to about 1000°C. in order to bond the metal plates to the core. The areal density of the resulting product was 5.0  $\text{kg/m}^2$ , and the core fibre volume fraction was 0.19.